

appointed on the county board of education shall be a citizen of the United States and of the state of Missouri and shall have been a resident of the state of Missouri for one year prior to his election and shall be a resident of the county in which he is elected, and a resident of the county school district for at least six months, and shall be able to read and write the English language and shall have paid the county school tax for the year next preceding his election, and shall not be less than twenty-five years of age.

Sec. 5. Any person, qualified under this law, may become a candidate for election on the county board of education by filing his name with the clerk of the county court at least twenty days before the annual school election and said clerk shall file the announcements and print all names of candidates in all notices of election and on all ballots in alphabetical order. Not less than one member of said board shall be elected from any one municipal township unless the county contains fewer than six townships, in which case two members may be elected from any one township, and shall be elected from one township, and shall be elected from one judicial district of the county as divided for the election of county judges of the county. In event no announcements for the county board of education are filed with the county clerk, no election shall be held, and the voters of the local school district, at their annual school meetings, may vote for any persons, qualified under this law, for members of the county board of education, and such persons shall be elected by a majority of the vote of the county board of education, and in subsequent elections the same procedure shall be had as was provided for the board, as shall be necessary to elect.

Sec. 6. The county clerk shall publish in alphabetical order the names, post-office addresses and townships of all persons filing for election in two newspapers of the county, for two consecutive weeks prior to the day of holding the annual school election, and the publication in only one newspaper be published in the county, the publication required by this section shall be made in such newspaper.

Sec. 7. At least ten days before the annual school election, the county clerk shall arrange in alphabetical order the names of the persons filing for election, in the county, and cause the same to be printed on the official ballot, and sent by mail or otherwise to the clerk of each local district a number of official ballots equal to two times the estimated number of qualified voters of the district. The official ballots shall not contain, any party emblem, name, title, or designation.

Sec. 8. Whenever the county board of education or the county court has certified to the clerk of the county court any proposition to be voted upon or election to be held under the provisions of this law, the clerk of the county court shall cause the county court to prepare and distribute ballots, and blank certificates for each and every election that may be held under the provisions of this act, shall be as now provided for the holding of the annual school meeting in the local school district.

Sec. 9. The members of the county board of education shall be elected by the qualified voters of the county school district, voting at the annual school election held at two o'clock in the afternoon of the first Tuesday in April of each year. The members so elected shall hold their offices for three years and their successors are elected and qualified, except those elected at the first election in 1921 and those elected to fill unexpired terms.

Sec. 10. The voting for membership on the county board of education shall be by ballot and no ballots shall be used except the official ballots furnished by the county clerk. The voters shall be provided with one official ballot for each candidate provided. Each qualified voter of the county school district shall be entitled to vote for as many members of the county board of education as there are vacancies to be filled. The voter shall draw a line through the name of the candidate to whom he is appointing on his ballot except the name of the candidates for whom he desires to cast his vote. It shall be the duty of the chairman and clerk of the annual school meeting to cast up the result of the election, and the clerk of the county court shall receive by each of said candidates and cause the same to be entered upon the records of the proceedings of said annual meeting. The chairman and clerk shall make out upon a blank certificate for each candidate a number of official ballots equal to the number of votes received by each of said candidates, and within five days after the holding of each election transmit by mail or otherwise to the clerk of the county court said certificates and ballots for use at the next school election. Such certificates shall be signed by the chairman and clerk of the election and a copy of this certificate properly signed shall be filed with the clerk of the local district. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the local district, at the time of the annual election to call to his assistance two justices of the peace or two qualified voters of the county, who together shall cast the vote. The county clerk shall issue commissions to the persons elected, and shall receive the fee of one dollar for each commission issued, to be paid out of the incidental fund of the county school district.

Sec. 11. The first election for members of the county board of education held under the provisions of this act, shall be held on the third Tuesday in August, 1921, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the county clerk shall cast up the returns as provided in section 10 of this act. The two members receiving the highest number of votes shall serve until April 1, 1924, the two members receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve until April 1, 1922, and the two receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve until April 1, 1922. Announcements for members of the county board of education to be elected in August, 1921, shall be filed with the county clerk at least ten days prior to the day of election, and the county clerk shall give notices of such announcements twenty days prior to the third Tuesday in August, 1921, and at least ten days prior to the third Tuesday in August, 1922. The county clerk shall arrange the official ballots and distribute them in the manner provided in section 7 of this act.

Sec. 12. Prior to July 1, 1922, the expenses of the publication of names of persons nominated as candidates for membership on the county board of education in the newspapers of the county, and the official ballots and all other expenses incurred by the county clerk in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be paid from the general county revenue fund. In all elections subsequent to July 1, 1922, the county clerk shall be reimbursed for the expenses of the publication of the incidental fund of the county school district.

Sec. 13. The members of the county board of education, elected as herein provided, shall meet at the county seat on or before the fourth Saturday in August, 1921, and thereafter on the first day of September, which oath or affirmation may be administered by each other, and shall be as follows: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the state of Missouri, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of a member of the

...the best of his ability, according to law, to help me God." Said board shall then organize by electing a superintendent of schools shall be the secretary and executive officer of the board. The county treasurer shall be the treasurer of the county board of education. The board of education shall have an official seal with which is attested its official acts.

Sec. 14. The county board of education shall meet at least four times a year and, if necessary, upon call of the president of the board or of any four members. The first meeting shall be held at the board of the board at the county seat on the last Saturday of February, May, August, and November. Four members shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business. If one or more vacancies occur in the county board of education by death, resignation, refusal to serve, repeated neglect of duty, removal from the township where elected or from the county school district, or for any reason, the remaining members shall fill the vacancy by official business, appoint one or more suitable persons to fill such vacancies until the next annual school election. In the event that the entire board should become disqualified for any of the reasons herein stated, the county court shall within thirty days appoint successors thereto, who shall serve until the next annual election. At the annual meeting on the last Saturday in May, the board shall reorganize and the newly elected members shall be sworn in as prescribed in section 13 of this act.

Sec. 15. The members of the county board of education shall receive for their services on this board a per diem allowance of not exceeding five dollars for each day. Said per diem allowance shall not be paid for any actual service on any calendar year, and also a mileage allowance of ten cents per mile, each way for each mile traveled from the residence of the board member to the place of meeting of the county board. Said expenses shall be paid out of the county fund of the county school district; provided, however, that prior to July 1, 1922, the compensation and traveling expenses of the county board of education and all other expenses incurred by said county board in the performance of its duties shall be paid by the county court from the general revenue fund of the county and within six months after July 1, 1922, the county board of education shall out of the fund of the county school district reimburse the county court for all moneys paid out under the provisions of this section.

Sec. 16. The county board of education shall have power and it shall be its duty:

First: To appoint a county superintendent of schools for a term not exceeding four years. Said superintendent shall be not less than twenty-four years of age, a legally qualified teacher, a citizen of the United States, and shall have taught or supervised schools as his chief business for at least five years. The minimum salary of the county superintendent shall be determined as provided in section 11352 and section 11353. Revised statutes of Missouri, 1919; provided, that the county superintendents now serving in the county shall continue to receive a salary not less than that now paid, and that they shall continue to serve until the expiration of the time for which they were elected, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall be eligible for re-election. The county superintendent of schools may be discharged by the said county board upon charges preferred in writing for violation of contract, inefficiency or other just cause; provided, not fewer than four members of the county board of education vote in favor of such discharge. The county board shall provide for all office traveling expenses of the county superintendent and his assistants, and prescribe such duties as they deem necessary and proper as those prescribed by article chapter 102, Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1919; provided further, that the board may supplement the salary of the county superintendent from the teachers' fund.

Second: To contract, with the teachers' association in accordance with a prescribed published classification salary schedule which shall be determined on the basis of (a) academic scholarship, (b) professional training, (c) successful experience in teaching. For the purpose of determining salaries, the county superintendent of schools, with the approval of the county board of education, shall classify the teachers according to a salary schedule previously adopted by the county board of education. The county board of directors of the local district shall elect their own teachers or teachers from an eligible list furnished by the county superintendent of schools.

Third: To elect, on nomination of the county superintendents of schools, such assistants, supervisors, attendance officers, and clerks as may be necessary for the efficient administration of the school system, prescribe their duties and fix their compensation. The state superintendent of public instruction shall be authorized to prescribe the academic and professional standards of preparation for county superintendents of schools, their assistants and supervisors.

Fourth: To have supervisory power over the care and keeping of all school property situated within the county school district to co-operate with the board of directors of the local districts and the county officers having to do with the administration of the schools.

Fifth: To change boundary lines of local school districts whenever in its judgment it becomes necessary; to combine or divide school districts; to create or amend the boundaries for elementary or high school purposes.

Sixth: To establish, govern, and maintain in said high schools as said board may deem necessary. The board shall have power to rent or lease any suitable buildings for school purposes, to purchase or lease where needed and pay for the same out of the incidental fund of the county school district; to sell all school property no longer used or needed for school purposes and place the money realized therefrom in the incidental fund of building fund of the county school district; to purchase sites; to condemn lands as now provided by law in condemnation proceedings. Provided, that when a high school maintained by the county board of education is established, the guardians of all children entitled to high school instruction, shall be consulted and their wishes shall prevail as to the high school the said pupils may attend, and the county board of education shall have the right to determine whether each school education of all eighth grade graduates of the county school district, (a) by assigning the pupils to any high school in the county school district, in which case, no tuition shall be paid; (b) by sending the pupils to any high school or town high school, or to the demonstration high department of the state university at any state teachers college or other schools maintaining the rank of a first-grade high school where satisfactory arrangements can be made. In which case the board shall pay only the actual tuition out of the teachers' fund of the county school district, provided further, the county board may arrange for the transportation of the pupils to the demonstration school of the incidental fund. When the best interests of the children will be served thereby, the county board of education may also arrange for the transportation of the pupils to the demonstration school of the incidental fund.

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